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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 24, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RAY LAHOOD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Samer Youssef, Antiochian Orthodox Church of the Redeemer, Los Altos Hills, California, offered the following prayer:

O God, who miraculously revealed Your teaching that evil cannot be overcome except by good, in the preserved pages of the Scriptures recovered from the arsonist-burned Antiochian Orthodox Church of the Redeemer in Los Altos Hills, California, on April 7, 2002, where we read: "You have heard an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, but I say to you do not resist the one who is evil, but if anyone strikes you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also."

I beseech You, O Lord, on behalf of these Your servants who are gathered here together under Your divine authority, the Members of this House of Representatives, to guide them in all goodness and righteousness for the welfare of this Nation. Bestow Your grace, wisdom, and strength upon them. Protect them at all times. Enlighten their hearts and minds to be instruments of Your love and compassion in leading this great Nation as it seeks to offer Your principles of peace and justice to the entire world; now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain one 1-minute to be given by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. ESHOO), who represents the guest chaplain.

The Chair will entertain ten 1-minutes on each side following the suspension vote.

TRIBUTE TO FATHER SAMER YOUSSEF

(Ms. ESHOO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, this morning the House of Representatives welcomes Father Samer Youssef, who has come here from California, from my congressional district in Northern California in the heart of the Silicon Valley.

On April 7, a tragedy befell our community and the Parish of the Church of the Redeemer in Los Altos Hills, the Antiochian Church. An arsonist set fire

to that magnificent church, and it burned to the ground. But Father Youssef and the entire Parish, together with our entire community, firefighters, the sheriff's department, churches, the temple, the Catholic Church came together to heal and his leadership is healing. His leadership has spoken to the magnificence of the great principles of America, that we believe in justice but more importantly or just as importantly we believe in one another.

And so we have come past this tragedy in our community. Together people from throughout our congressional district have placed contributions at the table to not only rebuild the church through their good faith and their contributions but to send a signal to people across our country and across the world that no arsonist, that no one who tries to terrorize our community will win. We are stronger, we are better, we are faith filled because of Who and what we believe in.

So I thank Father Youssef for coming to Washington. I thank him for his faith and leadership, and I thank my colleagues for his warm welcome, to not only the father but to his magnificent family who is seated in the gallery. And we can hear his son's approval, his 18-month-old son's approval.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair reminds Members not to refer to people in the gallery.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to make an announcement.

On July 24, 1998, at 3:40 p.m., Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol

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